



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ANNUAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FLUSHING PROGRAM TO BEGIN APRIL 16, 2012**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – April 12, 2012**

The City of Santa Barbara will begin its annual Water Distribution System Flushing Program on April 16, 2012, and continue over the following eight weeks. Typically, water line flushing will occur during the night time hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

The Water Distribution System Flushing Program involves systematically flushing the water lines via fire hydrants to scour the water mains and remove any build-up in the system. Maintenance on the water system ensures quality drinking water for our customers. During flushing, water may be seen flowing in street gutters as it is being directed to the storm drain system. Water crews will monitor the flushing process to ensure the water does not overwhelm streets, structures, or storm drains. Select fire hydrants will also be flow-tested during the flushing program to ensure the fire hydrants have adequate flow capacity for fire protection.

During or after flushing, water customers may experience cloudy water coming from the faucets in their homes and are advised to run the water for a few minutes until it runs clear. These are normal occurrences.

The Public Works Department thanks you for your patience while we perform annual maintenance on our water distribution system. System maintenance allows us to provide you with quality water and ensure adequate flows for fire protection.

Should you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Jose Marquez, Water Distribution Supervisor, at (805) 564-5409.

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